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SUBJECT:ACTION MEMORANDUM: REQUEST THAT THE ZAMBIAN PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER MEET WITH YOU IN WASHINGTON IN

EARLY FEBRUARY.(S/S NO.7601439)

REF: LUSAKA 178, 165 (NODIS), KINSHASA 595, 613 (NODIS)

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM SCHAUFEL THROUGH SONNENFELDT

1. IN A CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR WILKOWSKI, PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER MARK CHONA SAID THAT PRESIDENT KAUNDA WANTS TO SEEK AN APPOINTMENT WITH YOU IN WASHINGTON FOR A "QUIET REASSESSMENT" OF THE ANGOLA SITUATION AS A RESULT OF YOUR MOSCOW TRIP. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WOULD BE TO DEVELOP LINES OF ACTION FOR A NEW DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE IN COOPERATION WITH THE U.S., OTHER WESTERN POWERS AND THE TWENTY-TWO AFRICAN STATES THAT REFUSED TO RECOGNIZE THE MPLA AT THE OAU SUMMIT.

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2. KAUNDA IS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE LOBBYING DONE WITH THE U.S. CONGRESS BY THE NIGERIANS AND WANTS CHONA WHILE HERE TO LEAD A ZAMBIAN DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE WITH THE CONGRESS AND THE AMERICAN PUBLIC ON BEHALF OF THE MODERATE POSITION. CHONA WILL BE IN WASHINGTON FEBRUARY FIVE, SIX, AND SEVEN. AS YOU KNOW KAUNDA IS PARTICULARLY RESPECTED BY MANY OF THOSE WHO OPPOSE OUR ANGOLAN POLICY.

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3. THE ZAMBIANS CAN BE USEFUL TO US IN OUR EFFORTS TO DETER FURTHER RECOGNITION OF THE MPLA. GIVEN THE SENATE VOTE, THE SOUTH AFRICAN WITHDRAWAL AND THE MILITARY SUPERIORITY OF THE MPLA/CUBAN FORCES, WE CANNOT EXPECT UNITA TO HOLD OUT FOR LONG ON SET MILITARY LINES IN CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN ANGOLA. MPLA IS LIKELY TO APPEAR TO TAKE OVER THE COUNTRY. STILL, THROUGH SKILLFUL DIPLOMACY WE CAN DELAY RECOGNITION OF THE MPLA BY LARGE NUMBERS OF NATIONS WHICH, ALONG WITH ANTICIPATED GUERRILLA WARFARE, CAN CONCEIVABLY GENERATE ENOUGH PRESSURE ON THE MPLA TO BRING ABOUT THE CONDITIONS FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT AND A COALITION GOVERNMENT. PRESIDENT KAUNDA IS RESPECTED IN AFRICAN, EUROPEAN AND U.S. CIRCLES AND HIS CONTINUING INVOLVEMENT IS IMPORTANT. HE NEEDS SOME REASSURANCE THAT WE PLAN TO CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE AND WORK FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT.

4. IF MOBUTU WERE PROCEEDING WITH HIS IDEA OF A DELEGATION OF CHIEFS OF STATE TO VISIT WASHINGTON, I WOULD HAVE SUGGESTED THAT KAUNDA REPLACE CHONA FOR THIS OCCASION. IT NOW APPEARS, HOWEVER, THAT MOBUTU HAS LOWERED HIS SIGHTS TO A MORE REALISTIC LEVEL OF FOREIGN MINISTERS (KINSHASA 595 AND 613) FROM ZAIRE, ZAMBIA, IVORY COAST AND SENEGAL. IT WOULD THEREFORE SEEM APPROPRIATE THAT CHONA BE THE PERSON TO MEET WITH YOU IN WASHINGTON. THE TIMING WOULD DEPEND ON WHETHER MOBUTU SUCCEEDS IN HIS PLAN TO HAVE THE QUADRUPARTITE DELEGATION ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON AT THE END OF NEXT WEEK (WHICH HAD BEEN CHONA'S ORIGINAL PROPOSED TIME-FRAME). IN ANY EVENT, I DO NOT BELIEVE

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WE SHOULD MAKE OUR RESPONSE TO CHONA IN ANY WAY DEPENDENT ON THE SUCCESS OF MOBUTU IN ORGANISING HIS DELEGATION OF MODERATES. INDEED, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT CHONA MAY PREFER TO COME SEPARATELY, AS A PARALLEL AND COMPLEMENTARY LOB0YIST FOR THE MODERATE VIEWPOINT. WE REALISE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE HOUSE VOTE ON JAN 27 BUT CONCLUDE CHONA ALONE OR TOGETHER WITH OTHER AFRICAN REPRESENTATIVES WOULD

PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN REMINDING THE CONGRESS WHAT IS
AT STAKE IN ANGOLA.

5. RECOMMENDATION: THAT YOU MEET WITH CHONA WHENEVER HE

COMES TO WASHINGTON, EITHER IN THE FEBRUARY 5-7 PERIOD
OR EARLIER IF HE COMES AS PART OF A QUADRIPARTITE
DELEGATION.

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